

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At line 15 of the paragraph inserted by amendment on February 7, 2000, please delete the text "and/or participants each receive three cards 88." and insert therefor --participants each receive three cards 88; participants each receive six or seven cards 89; and/or participants each receive six or seven cards 89 and then discard down to four cards 90.--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-20, 22, 23, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious based on Breeding, U.S. Patent No. 5,248,142. Claims 6 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious based on Breeding in view of Malek, U.S. Patent No. 5,328,189. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious based on Breeding in view of Banyai, U.S. Patent No. 5,810,354. Claims 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious based on Breeding in view of Lo, U.S. Patent No. 5,863,042.

An amended figure 7 has been submitted herewith to correct errors present in the figure 7 that was submitted on February 7, 2000. The previous figure